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PRESS RELEASE: Illinois State Museum, Springfield

Share your good fortune this holiday season by contributing to a food drive sponsored by The Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) and the Illinois State Museum (ISM) to benefit the Central Illinois Foodbank.

WHEN:

Tuesday, Nov.26-Tuesday, Dec. 31
Museum Hours: Mon-Fri, 8:30AM-5PM
Sun, Noon-5PM
Closed Thanksgiving and Christmas Day

WHERE:

Illinois State Museum Lobby
502 South Spring Street
Springfield, IL 62706



Help People in Need & Donate to the Central Illinois Foodbank. When you come in out of the cold to rediscover the Illinois State Museum this holiday season, be sure to bring a little something extra to add to a very important wooden box in the first floor main lobby. The IDNR and ISM are collecting nonperishable food items to be donated to the Central Illinois Foodbank to help people and families in need. Help us bring cheer to the land and people of Illinois by stopping in with your contribution and becoming a part of our effort. Check out your progress at [Facebook.com/IllinoisStateMuseum](https://www.facebook.com/IllinoisStateMuseum) and [Twitter.com/ILStateMuseum](https://www.twitter.com/ILStateMuseum).

Items we need:

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| ● Canned vegetables | ● Canned fruit | ● Canned meat |
| ● Boxed meals | ● Peanut butter | ● Cereal |
| ● Chili | ● Beef Stew | ● Canned Pasta Sauce |
| ● Soup | ● Macaroni & Cheese | ● Rice |

****Please no items in glass containers and drop off only during visiting hours to ensure your donation is received.****

The Illinois State Museum inspires discovery and caring about Illinois' cultural and natural resources and heritage. The Museum integrates its original research and diverse collections to advance knowledge and create thought-provoking exhibitions and educational programs and resources. These offerings engage people of all ages in their own discovery and lifelong learning about the natural and cultural heritage of Illinois and its place within the world. The Museum promotes stewardship of this heritage to improve quality of life and ensure a sustainable future.

Central Illinois Foodbank, established in 1982, distributes nearly 9 million pounds of food annually to over 150 food pantries, soup kitchens, residential programs and after-school programs in a 21-county region. Central Illinois Foodbank is a member of Feeding America, the nation's largest hunger relief organization. The mission of the Foodbank is to collect donated food and grocery items from growers, manufacturers, processors, wholesalers and retailers for distribution to charitable agencies serving people in need.



[#MiniAbe](#) brings in his donation for our food drive to benefit the [Central Illinois Foodbank](#)! The drive is sponsored by [Illinois Department of Natural Resources](#) and [Illinois State Museum](#). It starts TODAY and ends Dec. 31. Share your good fortune with those in need and [Enjoy Illinois](#) this holiday season. [#ILStateMuseum](#)